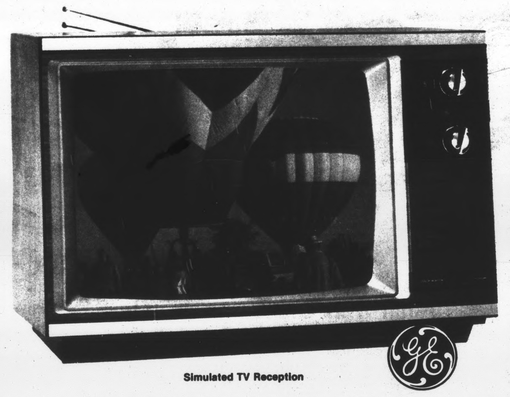

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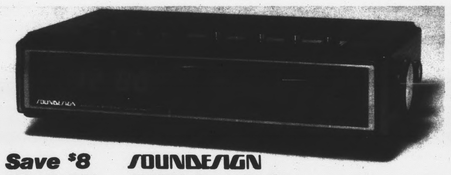

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Town opts for grant funding

After much debate, the Appomattox Town Council voted Monday night to change the town charter so that the town can borrow the $365,000 local share of its proposed sewer-improvement project.

Council members also voted to accept an $865,000 grant from the federal government to pay for approximately 75 percent of the $1.275 million project.

The councilmen accepted the grant, however, with the qualification that the town be able to find a suitable method of paying the $365,000 local share, without placing undue burden on the town's citizens.

The $365,000 loan, at the five percent interest rate Farmers Home Administration would charge, would result in an estimated average sewer user- rate of approximately $8 per month.

However, Town Manager Bill Britton said that he is currently working on securing a grant which would cover all but approximately $20,000 of the town's $365,000 obligation for the project.

The chances of Appomattox getting this second grant, which would come from the state's community grants program, depend on whether the 1980 Census Bureau figures for the average per capita income of Appomattox residents are proven accurate. Britton noted that if the figures are shown to be accurate as they now stand, the town would have a "40-60 chance" of getting the grant. If the figures prove to be inaccurate, as some officials believe they may be, then the town's chances of receiving the second grant would improve.

Several of the council members were concerned that the $365,000 which Appomattox would have to borrow if the second grant does not come through might create sewer user rates which would strain the budgets of persons here living on fixed incomes.

Britton noted, however, that if the town foresees this happening, it can refuse the $865,000 grant for the project.

Monday night's council actions came because the town had to act on the grant before Nov. 3, or it would lose the opportunity to use the money.

County chooses Trible

Appomattox Countians reflected the preferences of the rest of the state in Tuesday's election for the U.S. Senator's seat being vacated by Harry S. Byrd, Jr., with Republican candidate Paul Trible edging Democratic candidate Richard Davis 1738 votes to 1467 votes.

Davis captured the Agee, Chap, Cheatwood, Stonewall and Walker's Church Precincts of the county, while Trible took the Clover Hill, Court House, Oakville, Pamplin, and Rocks Precincts.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS, WITCHES and other assorted Halloween types were seen around Appomattox County this weekend. This assortment of scary types, spotted at a Halloween Party for children given by the John Mosby Inn Restaurant, turned out to be a group of children from the Appomattox Children's Center. All in all, it was a fairly peaceful Halloween around the county, with no serious mischief or bewitching acts reported.

Bryant winner in contest

Raymond Bryant edged Peggy Marshall on a tiebreaker to take top honors in last week's version of the **Times-Virginian** football contest.

Bryant and Marshall each missed accurately predicting the outcomes of only two of the contest games. Bryant's predictions of the exact scores of the two tiebreaker games – the Appomattox varisty and the VPI games – were closer to the games' actual scores than Marshall's predictions, however, and he was named winner of the contest.

Two other contestants, Alvin Booker and Teresa Mayberry, also came very close in the contest, missing only three of the contest games.

For his expertise in predicting the outcomes of the contest games, Bryant will receive a check for $20 from the **Times-Virginian**, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace restaurant. Marshall will receive a check for $10 from the paper, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace.

The football contest continues this week, with full details on contest rules and prizes inside this week's **Times-Virginian.**

Local television station unique

What does Concord, Va. have in common with New York City, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and other major population centers of the United States?

Concord has its own television station.

And Concord's station is unique in the state of Virginia and all along the Eastern Seabord: it is the first "low-power" television station on the east coast.

Paul and Shirley Passink, who own UHF Channel 33 in Concord, filed in March of 1981 for a license to operate a low-power television station in their home area, Concord.

"The Federal Communications Commission ruling which made low power, or 'community television' stations legal, had been in force since 1980," Paul points out. "But the FCC was so swamped with applications that we didn't get our finished until early 1981, and it was almost a year after that before it had been processed."

The purpose of the ruling which made low-power television legal, according to Paul, was to allow a mechanism for "filling in the gaps where it's not economically feasible to install cable television. We're not trying to take the place of the Campbell County cable company or the Appomattox County cable company. We just want to provide a service in those areas where the cable companies cannot."

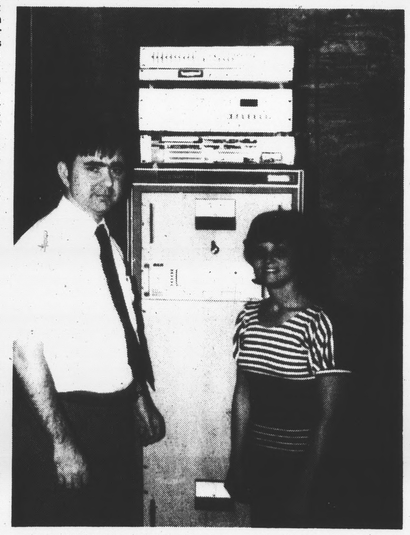
Channel 33, which has a broadcast radius of approximately 20 miles, features Satellite Programming Network (SPN) material from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mondaythrough Friday.

At night, after 8 p.m. the station is a subscription movie channel, with a wide variety of first-run major motion pictures, on until 4 a.m.

The subscription movie company, "SelecTV" comes on at 2 p.m. weekends and runs until 4 a.m. In approximately two weeks, the weekend morning programming will feature old western movies, according to Paul.

While anyone can receive the SPN programming during the day, those wishing to receive the movie channel must buy a special antenna made specifically for Channel 33's signal, and a "signal decoder" which will unscramble the signal as it enters the television set.

Those interested in receiving the service may contact Shirley Passink, station manager, at 993-3300.



PAUL AND SHIRLEY PASSINK with part of their new television station's broadcast equipment. The station, located in Concord, is the first low-power station on the Eastern Seaboard. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

News Briefs

Rabies Clinics

Rabies clinics will be held in this area during the next three months, according to Dr. Bill Burger of the Appomattox Animal Hospital.

Rabies shots for animals will be available at the Appomattox Animal Hospital on Route 460 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Nov. 11, and from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The shots will be available on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at three different times and locations. From 11 a.m. until noon, the shots will be available at the Pamplin Fire House. From 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., the shots will be available at Jimmy's Grocery in Red House. From 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., the shots will be available at the Appomattox Animal Hospital.

Memorial Service

On Thursday, November 11 at 11 a.m. a memorial service will be held at the Appomattox County War Memorial to commemorate the cessation of hostilities on that date, at the close of World War I.

A wreath will be laid by the members of the American Legion Post 104, Appomattox and the American Legion Auxiliary, Appomattox, at that time. In addition, the town fire siren will be blown at 11 a.m. commemorating this great event.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Firemen's Fundraiser

The 1982 November Firemen's Christmas fundraising drive is now underway. Paul Drinkard and James R. Ford are collecting for the fund this year.

Money collected will be given to the Appomattox volunteer firemen at a dinner sponsored by the Town of Appomattox. The dinner is the town's method of expressing the people's appreciation for the firemen's volunteer efforts during the year.

Those wishing to make donations may contact Paul Drinkard or James R. Ford. The fundraising drive will continue through the month of November.

Lions Schedule

Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 6:45 p.m. at John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Speaker for the evening meeting will be Jerry Foltz of Westvaco.

For months of November and December, the Lions Club meeting schedule has been altered due to the holidays, according to club spokesman Jim Sefter.

The meetings will be held the first and third Thursdays during these two months to avoid conflicts with the holidays, Sefter notes.

School Board Meeting

The Appomattox County School Board will meet next Wednesday (Nov. 10) at 3:30 p.m. in the School Board office on Main Street.

County Taxes Due

The deadline for paying Appomattox County taxes is December 5. The Treasurer's Office is open daily 8:30 - 4:30 and will be open Saturday, November 20 and December 4 for your convenience. (Please note office will NOT be open Nov. 27)

If you should have received a statement of taxes and did not, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 352-5200.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

First order of the day Monday was the ritual of tearing the October sheet off calendars and revealing the bright new month of November. And back on Standard Time. The skies were perfect and the Sun was overseeing near perfect weather. In fact, have heard lots of comment about how ideal the weather has been. Two holidays in November, neither on Monday. Veterans Day on the 11th and Thanksgiving the 25th. So: let's make it a fine month.

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General opinion was that there were fewer than usual Halloweeners this year. We had trick or treat candy left over!

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Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bucksey, of House Springs, Missouri, for sending me a copy of the special edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch saluting the baseball world champion St. Louis Cardinals. Big paper and have not finished reading it yet. Mrs. Bucksey is the former Hilda Mitchell, of Appomattox.

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Had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Kruschwitz, Albert and Louise, who have moved to Appomattox, northeast part of town. Welcome. And to all other newcomers. Hope you like.

Chanced to stop at the wayside site of Lee's Farewell Address, Old Court House, and met Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Waynesboro, Dan and Rogalia. Mrs. Jones' grandfather was William Lee Fleshman, of Appomattox. They were interested in history. At my suggestion they stopped at the Joel Walker Sweeney historical marker and gravesite. Ah yes, even took my picture! Come again!

Lots of house painting has been going on around town and I was surprised to find, according to Cruden's Concordance, that the word "paint" is not in the Bible, King James version. "Painted" is found twice ("Jezabel painted her face...") and the word "painting" once and "Paintedst" once. No comment, but in ancient times people often lived in tents or stone structures.

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Sports. ACHS keeps rolling and winds up a highly successful regular schedule Friday at home against William Campbell. You all come! Elsewhere in sports, the forthcoming meeting of VPIand U. Va. should be super special. And as a long time New York Yankee fan in baseball, I have a hunch that Billy Martin will return for a third hitch as manager.

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The General Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is being held in Richmond, Va. The 89th such meeting. U.S. Senator Harry Byrd, Jr. will be among the speakers. Byrd was a Navy lieutenant commander in W.W II.

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Thanks to Mrs. Hattie George, Appomattox, for sending me an old small ledger book of her grandfather Carter's, and so interesting because of the amazing low prices of merchandise. Coffee 15c lb. Sugar 10c. Cotton domestic cloth, 7c yard. Bacon 10c lb. Spool cotton thread 15c. Salt 2c lb. Soap, 2 bars 8c. 1 pair shoes, $1.25. ½ pound candy 10c. one summer heat 25c. One yard ribbon 5c. And this one . . . three days of work at 40c per day. May add some more from this list, dated 1880, next week. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Samuel Scott elected

Samuel Scott, III was elected chairman of the General Advisory Council for Vocational Education in the Appomattox School Division at a meeting held Tuesday night, October 26. He replaced Dennis W. Torrence, who served as chairman during the 1981-82 school year.

Marshall Goin, owner and operator of National Auto Parts, was elected vice-chairman. R. B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education serves as secretary of the Advisory Council.

Business of the Advisory Council at the first meeting of the new school year included reports of vocational and adult class enrollments, vocational information on the class of 1982, and a follow-up of the class of 1981 program completors. An explanation of the business computer application course, along with a tour of the microcomputer center at Appomattox County High School was given by John Clark, business education instructor. The expansion of the microcomputer center had been supported by the General Advisory Council after a study of this aspect of the vocational program last year. Other items on the agenda of the Advisory Council included a review of recommendations from the Advisory Council to the Appomattox County School Board and a discussion of proposed changes in the accreditation standards by the State Board of Education.

Other members of the Advisory Council include Nugene Harvey, Patrick Page, David Zimmerman, Shirley Walton, and Winifred Nash.

Trash pick-up slated for the coming week

The town of Appomattox will pick up brush from the homes of residents from Nov. 8 through Nov. 12, according to Town Manager Bill Britton.

Those who wish to have brush picked up are asked to contact the town office at 352-8268. The town truck will pick up the material on individuals' property lines.

Britton reminds citizens that small limbs must be cut so that they are no longer than six feet in length. Also, any material which can be put in containers should be, according to Britton.

In a related matter, Britton asks that anyone burning leaves and trash do so off of paved roads and ditches.

Heat from the fires breaks down the composition of the pavement, and during bad weather, allows moisture to enter the material, causing the roads' surface to crack.

"Please confine all your burning to private property and unpaved ditches," Britton notes. "Your co-operation in this matter will save tax payers money in the long run."

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